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and Execution of Spoken Language Interfaces

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 7, 2000, Applicants submit herewith the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 by rewriting the same as follows:

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1. (Amended) In apparatus for providing a portable spoken language interface for a user to a device in communication with the apparatus, the device having at least one application associated therewith, the spoken language interface apparatus comprising: (A) an audio input system for receiving speech data provided by the user; (B) an audio output system for outputting speech data to the user; (C) a speech decoding engine for generating a decoded output in response to spoken utterances; (D) a speech synthesizing engine for generating a synthesized speech output in response to text data; (E) a dialog manager operatively coupled to the device, the audio input system, the audio output system, the speech decoding engine and the speech